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Abergavenny, July 11.

THE 7th instant, the Right Reverend Father in God *William* Lord Bishop of *Landaff*, kept his Primary Visitation here; where he was accompanied by the Magistrates of this Town, and the Gentry of the adjacent Parts. And on Sunday last his Lordship having preached both Forenoon and Afternoon to a very great Congregation, confirmed above 700 persons.

Naples, June 30. We have advice, that the French Gallies are gone out from *Messina*, upon what design we know not, and that a considerable Body of French and Messineses are likewise marched out by Land. The three Spanish Men of War are still in Port.

Marseilles, July 14. Here is a report of some fresh Action in *Sicily*, between our ships and Gallies that remained there, and the Dutch and Spaniards, and that these latter lost 3 or 4 ships; of which we must expect to hear farther. In few days our Fleet, consisting in 30 Men of War, will sail from *Thoulon* for *Sicily*, together with about 50 Barks and other Vessels; on which will be embarked 500 Horse, and between 6 and 7000 Foot, Provisions, *&c.*

Copenhagen, July 14. What we told you in our last concerning the surrender of the Castle of *Helsingburg*, proved a mistake; it held out three days, and during that time made a good defence, the Lieutenant General *Rosencrans* was killed with a Musquet shot, and the Adjutant General *Scaeck* had his leg shot off with a Cannon Bullet; but the Commander of the Castle having his Arm shot off, and our King being ready to make a general Assault, the Castle was surrendred last night upon discretion. We are told, that his Majesties next action will be against *Landscroon*. The King of *Sueden* we hear is gone with 6000 of his Troops towards *Stockholme*, having put the rest into several Garisons.

Hamburg, July 17. The Letters we receive from *Pomeren* give us an account, that the seventh instant the Elector of *Brandenburg* advanced with his Army to the Pass of *Tribsee*, where Count *Coningsmark* lay posted with 2500 Men, to defend it; that some skirmish had passed, in which, about 20 of the *Brandenburgs* were killed; but that the night following, Count *Coningsmark*, finding he could not make good that Pass which had lost much of its strength in the violent heats we have had had so far dryed the Moras that lies round it as to render it almost passable, had abandoned it, and was retired towards *Straelsond*; that the *Brandenburgs* accordingly possessed themselves of it, and that General *Cobs* the day following marched with the Imperial Troops towards *Demmin*, and had blocked it up, but that lying somewhat loosely in their quarters, the Suedes had made a Sally, and killed 200 Germans, and besides put the whole Body into great disorder, which the Suedes endeavoured to make farther use of; but the Imperialists being come out of the confusion they were at first in, beat them into the Town again, with some loss likewise on their side. It is said, that the Elector of *Brandenburg* will march directly towards *Straelsond*.

Strasburg, July 13. The two Armies, as well that commanded by the Duke of *Lorrain* as by the Duke of *Luxemburg* remain encamped, as we have told you in our former; but the discourse is, that the latter will decamp in few days, and march towards the Enemy, or otherwise endeavor the relief of *Philipsburg*, the siege of which begins to be very much pressed. A great number of Spades, Shovels, Pickaxes, *&c.* arrived two days since in the French Camp, which occasions various conjectures. The French have lately put 20000 Sacks of Corn into *Saverne*, and every day great quantities of Provisions are sent thither. The Duke of *Vermandois*, and several other of the most considerable Officers of the French Army have been here, and having made some short stay, returned again to the Camp.

Francfort, July 14. The Siege of *Philipsburg* will it seems take up time, though the Marquis of *Baden Dourlach*, the General of the Forces of the Circles, and Prince *Herman* of *Baden*, General of the Imperial Artillery, omit nothing on their part to advance it. The opinion here is, that we shall hear of some action between the Armies very suddenly, for from *Strasburg* and other parts they seem to assure us, that the Duke of *Luxemburg* will not sit still, and see the place taken, but that he will try the utmost to relieve it. The Army under his command is said to consist at least in 35000 fighting Men, and those most old Soldiers. The Army commanded by the Duke of *Lorrain* is hardly reckoned so strong, especially considering that a Body of the Imperial Troops are at the siege of *Philipsburg*, which for this reason, it's said, the Duke of *Lorrain* has recalled from thence to join his Army.

Spire, July 14. From the Camp before *Philipsburg* we have an account, that the Besiegers have as yet but one Battery, *viz.* that in the quarter of Prince *Herman* of *Baden*, from which they fire without intermission, having made several breaches, and particularly ruined a corner of one of the Bastions; the Besiegers have not made use of their Granadoes and Fireballs, with which they pretend to do great execution. The Marquis of *Baden Dourlach* employs great diligence to advance the approaches on his side, which, it's said, are brought within 400 paces of the Counterscarp. The Besieged in the mean time, fire very furiously, and kill many of the Besiegers in their Trenches; they continue likewise to make very brisk Sallies, as they did last night, the action lasting from ten till one in the morning; of which, we have not as yet the particulars. The Duke of *Lorrain* is still at *Weissenburg*; but having advice, that the Duke of *Luxemburg* had received positive orders to attempt the relief of *Philipsburg*, having an Army of near 40000 Men effective, his Highness has recalled General *Vermuller* with the Imperial Troops from the siege, to guard certain Passes on the River *Lauter*; in whose room, 600 Foot, and 400 Horse of the Elector Palatin, are expected in the Camp, and 3000 Men of the Landgrave of *Hesse*, who are said to be on their march.

Metz, July 11. The ninth instant Messieurs *du Plessis*, *de la Trousse*, and *Joyeuse*, Mareschals de Camp, arrived here from the Duke of *Luxemburg*'s Army in *Alsatia*. The Mareschal *de Crequi* assembles a Body of Men together not far from hence. Part of the detachement